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- a. The U.S.S.R. intends to settle the Hoxha-Shehu struggle which is affecting the Albanian internal situation, the CP (Albanian Worker's Party), and Soviet-Albanian foreign policy at a time when harmony is paramount.
- b. Obviously either Shehu or Hoxha must be replaced. In view of the stand taken by the majority of government and Party leaders, Shehu will take over the Party leadership and be replaced as premier by General Kadri Hazbiu. The government will be reshuffled to justify government and Party leadership changes internally and abroad.
- c. The Soviets demand respect for Hoxha's position. He will return to Albania in a few days.
4. Shehu replied that government and Party changes are the exclusive right of the Albanian Workers Party Central Committee and that he "will remain at his post as long as he has the confidence of the Assembly, the Central Committee, and the people." "Hoxha whom nobody wishes to assassinate or idolize does not have such support."
5. On 3 September Hoxha returned to Tirana with two Soviet generals. He was not met by Shehu. Hoxha was informed Shehu would not receive him without two days advance notice and was searched before being allowed to enter his own office. He was also assigned more modest living quarters.
6. Shehu's plans, subject to Soviet approval, are to name Hoxha Minister of Agriculture as a sop to the Soviets, but he anticipates blaming Hoxha for the disastrous agricultural situation. Shehu also plans to drop the pro-Tito Beqir Balloku; and name Rita Marko to the Party Secretariat.

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